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DR. ERIC DENHOFF

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Eric Denhoff, 69, of 8 Morrison St., cofounder and medical director of Meeting Street School, died Monday at Miriam Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Sylvia (Brooklyn) Denhoff.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Joseph and Lillian (Linsky) Denhoff, he came to Taunton as a young man.

Dr. Denhoff earned his medical degree in 1938 from the University of Vermont and served internships at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, and Boston City Hospital.

In 1941, he joined the staff of the Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital, where he began specializing in the neurological and psychiatric diseases of children. For his internship, he studied children with cerebral palsy. In 1941, the Easter Seal Society asked Dr. Denhoff to be the medical director of what would become Meeting Street School. He was cofounder with Margaret Langdon.

His main interest was in discovering abnormalities before the problem became severe. In recent years he had become best known for his research concerning hyperactive children.

He was the recipient of many awards, including the 1981 Leydorf Medical Clinic National Service Award, the American Medical Association's Physician's Recognition Award in Continuing Medical Education in 1973, 1976 and 1979. He also received an Honorary Doctor of Science from Brown University in 1980 and the Rhode Island Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Ben Fish Award for Outstanding Leadership for Handicapped Children in 1967. He was also the author of many books and professional articles.

Dr. Denhoff also held academic appointments at Rhode Island, Miriam, Women & Infants, Roger Williams General and Newport Hospitals.

He was a member of Temple Emanuel and Congregation Agudeth Achem in Taunton.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Donald Gary Denhoff of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Joseph Ira Denhoff of Wickford R.I.; a daughter, Barbara Laurie Denhoff, of New York City; and a sister, Mrs. Florence Feldman of Pawtucket.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial was in Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Taunton. Funeral arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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